

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A wristwatch of substantially rectangular shape ~~including~~ comprising:

a case having a first side and a second side, and enclosing a movement, movement;

a wristband ~~whose~~ having a first strand is fixed onto a said first side of the case case, and
~~whose a second strand is fixed onto a said second side opposite to the first, and side;~~

two sliding shutter type covers (hereinafter "shutters") sliding shutters slidable over the case and ~~capable of being open or closed to allow said case to appear or to be concealed~~
concealed, respectively respectively, via manual action exerted on said shutters,

means for guiding said sliding shutters in translation onto said case; and ~~holding means~~

means for holding said sliding shutters being implemented to secure each of said shutters
to secured onto the case while allowing them to slide onto said guiding means, wherein said
guide guiding means and said holding means are physically distinct separate from each other
other; and

~~wherein means are implemented for to exert~~ exerting a vertical force under each of the said
shutters, said means for exerting said vertical force being interposed between said case and each
of said sliding shutters and tending to apply each of said shutter shutters against said holding
means.

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2. (currently amended): The wristwatch according to claim 1, wherein said means ~~implemented to exert~~ for exerting said vertical force consist of a ball arranged under each of the shutters, each said ball being secured to the case and pushed by a spring.

3. (currently amended): The wristwatch according to claim 2, wherein each of the ~~ball~~ balls is made of a hard material, in particular a ceramic material.

4. (currently amended): The wristwatch according to claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein each shutter has a top face and a bottom face,

wherein said ball travels under the shutter along a path on said bottom face,

wherein said path has two opposite ends, ~~in the ends of which are made~~

wherein a first housing is provided at one of said ends, and a second housing is provided at the other of said ends, ~~in which and~~

wherein ~~the~~ said ball is able to enter enters partially into said first and second housings to lock said shutter respectively in its open and closed positions.

5. (original): The wristwatch according to claim 1, wherein said means for holding each of the shutters onto the case include at least two cylindrical pins whose ends emerge on either side of a listel secured to the case, and two grooves made in the shutter and located on either side of the listel, the ends of said pins engaging in said grooves.

6. (original): The wristwatch according to claim 5, wherein each of the grooves is formed of a rail added underneath the shutter.

7. (original): The wristwatch according to claim 5, wherein each pin is held in the listel by a sealing gasket made of resilient material.

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8. (currently amended): The wristwatch according to claim 1, wherein said ~~guide~~ guiding means include two rails emerging from the case, each of said rails engaging in a groove ~~made in~~ the shutter.

9. (currently amended): The wristwatch according to claim 1, wherein first and second wristband strands are secured to the case by means of screws used both to prevent the ~~shutter~~ shutters from inadvertently being released from the case and to limit the travel of said ~~shutter~~ shutters.

10. (currently amended): The wristwatch according to claim 9, wherein ~~the~~ an end of each of the screws is engaged in a machined portion ~~made in~~ the shutter.